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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FISH & GAME COMMITTEE

MY NAME IS BOB GILBERT. I AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WALLEYES UNLIMITED OF MONTANA, A FAMILY ORIENTED FISHING ASSOCIATION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE AROUND 3200 VOTING MEMBERS, NEARLY ALL MONTANA RESIDENTS.

WE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL #642 BY REP. MILBURN. YES, THERE ARE CONFLICTS REGARDING STREAM AND RIVER ACCESS AT BRIDGE SITES. AND YES, THEY CAN BE RESOLVED BUT NOT THROUGH THIS BILL. I WOULD VIEW THIS AS AN "IN YOUR FACE" PIECE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL, IF PASSED, SET LAND OWNER/ ANGLER RELATIONS BACK 10 YEARS OR MORE. I AM SURE THIS IS NOT THE DESIRED RESULT BUT THAT IS HOW IT WILL PLAY OUT.

HB. #642 WILL RESULT IN A VIRTUAL BAN ON THE USE OF BRIDGES AS ACCESS SITES IN OUR STATE. THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS LANGUAGE IS "FEEL GOOD" IN NATURE AND WILL RARELY BE GRANTED OR USED IN OUR OPINION. IF THIS BILL WERE TO PASS WE WILL ALL FIND OURSELVES IN LITIGATION AND IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT. I FEEL THIS BILL WILL NOT STAND THE JUDICIAL TESTS. AGAIN, ALL WE WILL HAVE IS HARD FEELINGS AND FINGER POINTING. PLEASE DO NOT PUT US THROUGH THIS.

PLEASE TABLE HOUSE BILL # 642.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION



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